

Commerce, Chairman of the Tustin Planning Commission, and Chairman and founding member of Tustin Pride, a community based organization dedicated to making the City of Tustin more attractive.

For his service in the Tustin community as a public servant and businessman, Lou has received several notable awards which include being named Tustin Man of the Year, the California Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Advocate of the Year, and the California Secretary of State's Ingenuity in Business Award.

I know Mr. Bone's family is extremely proud of his accomplishments, as am I. He has worked tirelessly to improve his community and his efforts should be emulated by future public servants in Tustin.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Mayor Lou Bone today as an outstanding American citizen and public servant.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JOSH MILLER FOR WINNING THE DIVISION III STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Josh Miller showed hard work and dedication to the sport of golf; and

Whereas, Josh Miller was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Josh Miller always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the green; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Josh Miller on winning the Division III State Golf Tournament. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007 golf season.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. DECOSTA HEADLEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. DeCosta Headley. Mr. Headley has served the Brooklyn community as an advocate for social service programs and making a progressive change in our district.

Mr. Headley graduated from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, with a B.A. in Behavioral Science. He resides in East New York with his wife and two daughters.

Mr. Headley's philanthropic activities are well known throughout the East New York/Brownsville communities. He has served on various local community planning boards; and was the founder of the community's first local development corporation, resulting in over 3,000 new jobs. Mr. Headley was also the founder of the Federation of Block Associations for East New York. He spent several years as a social worker, and in the late

1970s became the executive director of numerous group homes for at-risk youth within the East New York/Brownsville communities. Among Mr. Headley's notable achievements is the Federation of Addiction Agencies, which was established to provide a drug-free treatment program in East New York and Brownsville.

As a successful entrepreneur, Mr. Headley is President of Diversified Inch By Inch, Inc., one of the city's top African-American general contracting firms. Always in the forefront of serving his community, Mr. Headley's company has built local medical and dental facilities for Oxford Health Plans, Brookdale Hospital & Medical Center, and Interfaith Medical Center. Mr. Headley has enhanced his entrepreneurial spirit by aiding local churches within the five boroughs acquire land for the use of building senior citizen housing and youth centers.

For over 16 years, DeCosta Headley served as District Leader for the 40th Assembly District in the East New York section of Kings County. Throughout his career, Mr. Headley has dedicated himself to enhancing the quality of life for his constituents. Those efforts have resulted in college scholarships, employment opportunities, affordable housing, and increased public services. Now retired from the position, he continues to play an active role in the political landscape of Brooklyn, by successfully operating the campaigns of candidates seeking seats on the city, state, and federal levels of government within and outside the state of New York. Mr. Headley's efforts have led him to receive several community awards including: The Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation Award and the Mayor's Award for Community Service.

Madam Speaker, I would once again like to recognize the impressive achievements and contributions that Mr. DeCosta Headley has made to the Brooklyn Community. The dedication that Mr. Headley has displayed throughout his career continues to constructively develop our district.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this remarkable man and the great things that he stands for.

RESTORE ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, on November 15th, 2007, I missed a vote on final passage of the Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective (RESTORE) Act of 2007. I would have voted YEA.

Effectively defending Americans from the threat of terrorist attacks, while safeguarding cherished and essential civil liberties and privacy protections, requires the Federal government to periodically reassess how intelligence information is collected. Congress has a duty to ensure that intelligence is collected expeditiously and can be analyzed efficiently, but within bounds long-established through constitutional jurisprudence.

The RESTORE Act carefully prescribes what types of communications, when reason-

ably believed to contain information relating to a terrorist investigation, would require Fourth Amendment warrant protections. Specifically, the bill would require court-ordered search warrants when the identity and whereabouts of one subject is, or could reasonably be, an American citizen. This provision would provide discrete guidance for intelligence officers and prevent warrantless surveillance of Americans.

Intelligence investigations into terrorist activities are fast-paced and often rely on the use of modern telecommunications technology. The RESTORE Act acknowledges that such intelligence gathering is unique, and facilitates such investigations while ensuring they meet crucial constitutional standards. It also checks potential abuses of power by ensuring that a court, and not an executive branch political appointee, decides whether the communications of an American citizen are to be intercepted. By doing so it gives our citizens the best protection we can provide them: review of the executive branch's actions by a court.

I had serious concerns about the PROTECT America Act, but I voted for it earlier this year because of the urgent needs presented by the intelligence community and the temporary nature of the bill's authority. The RESTORE Act is a vast improvement from the PROTECT America Act, as it provides necessary constitutional protections to American citizens and practical guidance for intelligence officers.

This bill properly responds to the evolving terrorist threat and respects constitutional jurisprudence. It should be accepted by the Administration.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AUSTIN YODER FOR WINNING THE DIVISION III STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Austin Yoder showed hard work and dedication to the sport of golf; and

Whereas, Austin Yoder was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Austin Yoder always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the green; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Austin Yoder on winning the Division III State Golf Tournament. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007 golf season.

A TRIBUTE TO ELIJAH T. GREEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Elijah T. Green of Bushwick, New York.

Mr. Green is currently enrolled in high school at Eastern Brooklyn Congregation for

Public Service in Bushwick, New York. He previously attended PS 297, Abraham Stockton School, and IS 33, Mark Hopkins Intermediate School, located in Bedford Stuyvesant.

Mr. Green was born February 15, 1991 and 7 short years ago joined and was baptized, in June of 2000, at New Canaan Baptist Church. Since joining New Canaan Mr. Green has been actively involved with five ministries; the RJL Youth Choir, the Junior Male Chorus, the Usher Board, the Pulpit Nurses, and the anniversary Committee.

Mr. Green credits Rev. Richard J. Lawson, who has taught him the meaning of respect, leadership, devotion, pride, and most of all how to be a young man of God. Mr. Green believes that a man's steps are ordered by God.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Green for his contribution to his church and community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this wonderful young man.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL NYE

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my good friend Michael Nye on the occasion on his retirement from California Federation of Teachers (CFT). For the past 12 years Michael has served as CFT's Secretary-Treasurer—handling all the financial matters, promoting its growth, implementing agency fees, working with independent unions gathering their support and representing CFT at political, labor and community events. Michael is a well-respected and admired man of integrity, honesty and dedication. I have had the pleasure of working with Michael for many years and know firsthand of his outstanding accomplishments and tireless dedication on behalf of teachers and organized labor.

Born in Chicago, Michael first learned about the labor movement from his relatives who were involved in the teachers and the musicians unions. He moved with his family to California, where he studied political science, history and philosophy at San Diego State University. While attending the University, he worked as an instructional aide in the San Diego Unified School District. He continued his studies at Fresno State, earning a secondary Teaching Credential in American Government. There he received a grant from the Model United Nations of the Far West to be the Registrar of the International Court of Justice. Michael taught at Lincoln High School in the San Jose United School District while studying to complete his Masters degree in political science at the Cal State University at Hayward.

Michael also taught Labor Studies at numerous Bay Area Community Colleges including San Jose City College, West Valley College, San Francisco City College and Merritt College in Oakland. And he taught Labor Studies and Political Science at San Francisco State University.

Michael's personal experience in the labor movement began at the early age of 24 when he was elected Vice President of the San

Jose Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 957. Shortly thereafter he became its President. Two years later, he served as Vice President of CFT and was elected Business Manager of the Central Council of Santa Clara at the young age of 31 years.

Michael left the Bay Area 11 years ago to become the Executive Director of the Western Region of the Jewish Labor Committee in Los Angeles. In 1994, Michael was asked to accept the position of Secretary Treasurer of CFT, completing the circle in the teacher union movement started 25 years earlier. Currently Michael serves as President of the Western Region of the Jewish Labor Committee, and also serves as a board member of the United Labor Bank, a unionized and union owned bank.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Michael Nye for his lifetime of service to students, teachers and the labor movement.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE GARAWAY GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING THE DIVISION III STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, the Garaway Golf Team has displayed dedication to the sport of golf; and Whereas, the Garaway Golf Team have been supportive of their teammates; and Whereas, the Garaway Golf Team has broadened their abilities and skills in the sport of golf; and

Whereas, the Garaway Golf Team always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the greens; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Garaway Golf Team on winning the Division III State Golf Tournament. We recognize the tremendous hard work they have demonstrated during the 2007 golf season.

A TRIBUTE TO YVONNE GRAHAM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor our Brooklyn Deputy Borough President Yvonne J. Graham. Yvonne was born and raised in Jamaica, West Indies. She moved to New York in 1979. Yvonne has a Bachelor's Degree in Health Administration and Community Health from St. Joseph's College and a Master's Degree in Public Health from Hunter College. She also completed the Executive Program in Business Administration at Columbia University School of Business and more recently, an Honorary Doctorate of Law Degree that was conferred on her by her alma mater St. Joseph's College. Yvonne, also a registered nurse, has worked in the emergency room of Brookdale Hospital.

Yvonne has been a pioneer and a champion in the area of public health for more than 20

years. Before accepting her post as Brooklyn's Deputy Borough President, Yvonne founded and was Executive Director of the Caribbean Women's Health Association which provides comprehensive, culturally-sensitive health care, immigration, and social support services to diverse communities. Her vision was critical to the 2005 founding of Brooklyn's first Center on Health Disparities which is working to reduce cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, infant mortality, asthma, and diabetes among minority communities. The center is an innovative partnership with the Borough President's Office, SUNY Downstate Medical Center and the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health.

Yvonne has led the effort to increase the number of women in leadership positions in government, business, and industry by spearheading the Women's Leadership Initiative. This is a partnership between academic institutions, government agencies, community-based organizations, and the private sector that brings women together for dialogue and networking.

Yvonne was instrumental in the co-naming of Flatbush's Nostrand Avenue in honor of Haitian revolutionary hero Toussaint L'Ouverture. She served on the Mayor's Committee on Immigration; the New York City HIV Planning Council; and the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women.

Yvonne has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors for her achievements in community service, including YWCA's Women of Distinction Award; National Association of Black Social Workers' Public Citizen of the Year Award; the Marcus Garvey Medal of Honor; and the Frederick Douglass Medal of Honor just to name a few.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Brooklyn Deputy Borough President Yvonne Graham for her many accomplishments and all of her efforts to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens have access to healthcare.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Yvonne J. Graham.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. BILLY C. HINES, PROFESSOR—ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today and ask my Colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Professor Billy C. Hines, one of Elizabeth City State University's most accomplished Professors.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Hines is now in his 33rd year as Professor of Voice, Director of Choral Activities and Artist-In-Residence at Elizabeth City State University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from Stillman College and a Masters of Arts and Masters of Education degree in Music and Music Education from Teacher's College at Columbia University. Further, he holds a Certificate in Managing the Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professor Hines has propelled the Elizabeth City State University Choir to a world renowned status. The University Choir, acclaimed as an "incredible group of voices,"